ILLEGIB

POUR TY INDOMESTION

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO.

25X1A

COUNTRY

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

FLD 107

SUBJECT

Fast Germany

The Institute of Mathematics and

DATE DISTR NO. OF PAGES

1 September 1053

2

Natural Sciences, Greifswald University

NO. OF ENCLS, (LISTED BELOW)

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

PLACE **4CQUIRED** 25X1C

DATE OF INFO

25X1X

Prof. Dr. Willi Rincw, Firector of the First Lathematics Institute of Greifswald University, was called to Greifswald in 1950 by Professor Dr. Hans Beyer the organic enchist, to assume the post of dean of the Institute of Mathematics and Datural Sciences. Beyer and Rinov were schoolmates and acquaintances of long standing. Rinow was considered by

25X1B

25X1B

2.

in the daily newspaper during the German-Soviet Friendship month that he

had agreed to translate a Soviet mathematics publication into German. However, as far as Source knows, Rinow was not politically active and did not belong to the SID.

3. Prof. Dr. Franz von Krbeck fifty-four years of age, was deputy director on the Institute. Politically, he was an absolute reactionary and not a Comnunist. Von Krbeck studied in Berlin, Goettingen, and Paris and for a long time was a member of the Schroedinger, von Neumann and Kudar circle. Like von Jeumann, Scillard, Polanyi and Kudar, von Krbeck was a German-Hungarian of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. He was one of the few Germans with a command of the Hilbert-Raum theory of mathematics. Because of his extraordinary versatility, he was employed some time ago as a mathematician by a large bank in London and during the war was a journalist. Although not judged favorably by many of his clder German colleagues, he was greatly

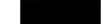
CLASSIFICATION

SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICI/LS OULY

25X1A

WAY YAVY X NSRB DISTRIBUTION x

SOFT TYCOMEDIA



-- 2 --

addired by von Hedmann 1/, Hevanlinns 2/, Hopff 3/, and Knooff b/. Von Krbeck recently published a book , together with several papers, on the withematical treatment of the wave theory from the quantum mechanics point of view).

h. Heisenberg and von Laue did not think kindly of von Krbeck because he rejected Heisenberg's matrix mechanics as being mathematically inexact and because he criticized strongly the mantum mechanical views of heisenberg's assistant, von reizeaecker. Von Krbeck considered von Laue, as far as his views in quantum mechanics are concerned, as scientifically impossible.

25X1A

Commente:

- 1/ von Neumann, professor of mathematics at Princeton University.
- 2/ Nevanlinna, mathematician in Melsinki and Duerich.
- 3/ Hopff, mathematician in Sucrich.
- 1/ Enopir, professor of mathematics at Puebingen University.

STURITY CONTROL